



## RESOLUTION

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ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND STUDY THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT WOMEN IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULE NO. 9.

WHEREAS, in 2013, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, women comprised 49.3% of the total population of the City and County of Honolulu (City); and

WHEREAS, although women represent close to 50 percent of total state and county populations, they hold only 30 percent of all State legislative and City Council seats; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau's "2010 American Community Survey" found that women earn only 75 percent compared to their male counterparts' income in the state of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the National Women's Law Center issued a report entitled, "Insecure & Unequal: Poverty and Income among Women and Families," which found that women in Hawaii are disproportionately impacted by poverty and economic insecurity compared to their male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the United Nations declared that "violence against women and girls is a problem of pandemic proportions" which includes sexual harassment, stalking, rape, sexual assault, domestic violence and human sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the U.S. Congress reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act, which recognizes that violence against women continues to be an important public health policy and human rights concern, and provides federal funding toward the investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women; and

WHEREAS, Council Rule No. 9 allows for the creation of Council Advisory Committees to assist a standing committee in the resolution or study of issues arising from specific areas of concern resulting from the main subject matter assigned to the specific standing committee; and

WHEREAS, Council Rule No. 9 requires the membership of a Council Advisory Committee to consist of at least one Councilmember from the standing committee and may include members from the private sector and representatives from other political subdivisions and other government agencies; and



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WHEREAS, while there are several entities that address women's issues on the state level, including the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's Legislative Caucus which is comprised of women legislators from both the State House of Representatives and the Senate, there is no commensurate public policy entity for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that there is a compelling need for the creation of a Council Advisory Committee to address the concerns and well-being of women living in the City and County of Honolulu; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that in accordance with Council Rule No. 9, there is established a Council Advisory Committee within the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee to promote and to examine and study the issues that impact women in the City and County of Honolulu and make recommendations to improve their overall quality of life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Councilmembers Carol Fukunaga, Ann Kobayashi and Kymberly Marcos Pine will be appointed as members of this Council Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Council Rule No. 9, this Council Advisory Committee will report to the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee on its findings and recommendations, and serve until discharged by this standing committee; and



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INTRODUCED BY:

## Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

**RESOLUTION 14-251**

Introduced: 10/13/14

By: ERNEST MARTIN

Committee: COUNCIL

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Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

NOTE: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2014, COUNCILMEMBER BREENE HARIMOTO, REPRESENTING COUNCIL DISTRICT VIII, RESIGNED FROM OFFICE. (Refer to Communication CC-245)

NOTE: BRANDON ELEFANTE WAS SWORN IN AND TOOK OFFICE AS A MEMBER OF THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014 REPRESENTING DISTRICT VIII.


11/12/14 COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 14-251 WAS ADOPTED.

8 AYES: ANDERSON, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE.

1 ABSENT: MARTIN..

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

 BERNICE N. MAU, CITY CLERK

 ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER